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Amendments to the Claims:

1.   (Currently amended)   A method for providing data reference information, comprising:

setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;

copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to ~~a~~ the second computer application;

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application.

~~pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application;~~

~~in response to pasting the data, obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the first computer application and relating to the data and pasting to the second computer application the additional reference information relating to the data, so that the~~

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~~reference information and the additional reference information related to the data can be~~
~~reviewed along with the data.~~

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, <u>wherein the pasting reference</u>
<u>information includes at least one</u> ~~further comprising appending one or more~~ descriptive label[s]
<u>that identifies the pasted reference information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading</u>
<u>related to the pasted reference information.</u> ~~to the additional reference information related to the~~
~~data in response to pasting the additional reference information to the second computer~~
~~application.~~

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, <u>wherein the at least one descriptive</u>
<u>label relates to at least one member of a group comprising:</u> ~~appending comprises appending one~~
~~or more descriptive labels related to at least one of,~~ the date the data was copied, the time the
data was copied, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the
user who copied the data, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the last user
who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited,
<u>and</u> ~~or~~ the location of the data in a document.

4.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, <u>wherein obtaining pasting reference</u>
<u>information from the second computer application includes obtaining the pasting reference</u>
<u>information from a memory of the second computer application.</u> ~~further comprising generating~~
~~the additional reference information related to the data.~~

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>obtaining pasting reference</u>
<u>information from the second computer application includes the second computer application</u>
<u>accessing another computer application to obtain at least one member of a group comprising:</u>
~~obtaining the additional reference information related to the data comprises copying from the~~
~~other source to the memory at least one of~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was
copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, the identity of the last user who edited the

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data, the last date that the data was edited, ~~or~~ <u>and</u> the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in a document.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory metadata related to the data.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory properties related to the data.

8.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the <u>pasting</u> reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory ~~to~~ <u>of</u> the second computer application at least <u>one member of a group comprising:</u> ~~one of the source of the data,~~ the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the author of the data,~~ the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, <u>and</u> the last time that the data was edited~~, the location of the data in a document, or the title of the document from which the data was copied~~.

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application metadata related to the data.

10.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application properties related to the data.

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11.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting the reference information adjacent to the data in a document of the second computer application.

12.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application includes the second computer application copying the pasting reference information from a third computer application and pasting the pasting reference information in the second computer application so that the pasting reference information can be review along with the reference information. further comprising:

in response to pasting the data to the second computer application, copying the additional reference information related to the data from a third computer application to the memory; and

pasting the additional reference information from the memory to the second computer application so that the additional reference information can be reviewed along with the reference information related to the data.

13.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: copying the additional reference information comprises copying from the third computer application to the memory at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, and or the time the data was pasted.

14-16. (Canceled)

17.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer application and the second computer application comprise one computer application and the data is included within at least one document of the computer application.

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18.   (Currently amended)   A computer system for providing data reference
information, comprising:

a processing unit;

a memory in communication with the processing unit;

a computer application in communication with the processing unit and the memory that
provides instructions to the processing unit, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the
instructions, operates for:

setting, on the computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the
copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference
information related to the data is automatically pasted to a second document;

copying the data from a first document to the memory;

copying reference information from the first document and related to the data to
the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to a the second document;

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the computer application,
determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference
information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the
memory to the second document when the data characteristics of the copied data
indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the
second document;

omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data
does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to
the second document;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second document; and
automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second document.
pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the
second document;

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~~obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the first
document and relating to the data; and~~

~~pasting to the second document the additional reference information relating to
the data so that the reference information and the additional reference information related
to the data can be reviewed along with the data.~~

19.   (Currently amended)   The computer system of claim 18, wherein the pasting
reference information includes at least one descriptive label that identifies the pasted reference
information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading related to the pasted reference
information. ~~wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, further operates for
appending at least one descriptive label to the additional reference information related to the data
when the additional reference information is pasted to the second document.~~

20.   (Currently amended)   The computer system of claim 19, wherein the at least one
descriptive label relates to at least one member of a group comprising: ~~wherein the processing
unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for appending at least one descriptive label to the
additional reference information related to the data by appending at least one descriptive label
related to at least one of~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the
data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who copied the data, the
identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last
date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, and ~~or~~ the location of the data
in a document.

21.   (Currently amended)   The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining
pasting reference information from the second document includes obtaining the pasting reference
information from a memory of the computer application. ~~wherein the processing unit, responsive
to the instructions, further operates for generating the additional reference information related to
the data.~~

22.   (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the computer application includes the computer application accessing another computer application to obtain at least one member of a group comprising: wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, obtains the additional reference information related to the data by copying from the source other than the first document to the memory at least one of the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited.

23.   (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for pasting the pasting reference information related to the data by pasting from the memory to the second document at least one member of a group comprising: of the source of the data, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the author of the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in the first document, or the title of the compilation from which the data was copied.

24.   (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second document includes the computer application copying the pasting reference information from another computer application and pasting the pasting reference information in the second document so that the pasting reference information can be review along with the reference information. wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, further operates for:
        copying the additional reference information related to the data from a third document to the memory; and
        pasting the additional reference information from the memory to the second document so that the additional reference information can be reviewed along with the reference information related to the data.

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25.   (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: ~~wherein the~~ ~~processing unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for copying the additional reference~~ ~~information by copying from the third document to the memory at least one of~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, ~~or~~ and the time the data was pasted.

26 -28 (Cancelled)

29.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for providing data reference information, the instructions comprising:
        setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;
        copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;
        copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;
        pasting the data from the memory to ~~a~~ the second computer application;
        by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;
        automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;
        omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

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obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer

application.

~~logic for pasting data from a memory to a computer application in a format that can be edited or modified;~~

~~logic for pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the computer application so that the reference information related to the data is displayed with the data;~~

~~logic for obtaining additional reference information from a source other than the source of the data; and~~

~~logic for pasting to the computer application the additional reference information, in response to pasting the data to the computer application.~~

30.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, <u>wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted.</u>

~~logic for determining if preferred reference information related to the data is available, wherein the details of the preferred reference information are based on a user setting or a predetermined configuration; and~~

~~logic for pasting the preferred reference information to the computer application if it is determined to be available and for pasting the data to the computer application without the reference information if the preferred reference information is determined not to be available.~~

31.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [30] <u>29, wherein copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory further includes:</u> ~~wherein the logic for determining comprises:~~

~~logic for~~ parsing the reference information contained in the memory;

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logic for selecting the reference information that is in a preferred presentation format as a stream of reference data elements;

logic for configuring the stream of reference information into segments of various types of reference data; and

logic for selecting the preferred types of reference data from the segments of reference data to obtain the preferred reference data.

32.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application includes automatically pasting the reference information based on at least one member of a group comprising: wherein the logic for pasting the reference information comprises logic for pasting the data reference information based on the selections indicated by a user setting, and or a predetermined configuration.

33.   (Cancelled)

34.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [32] 29, wherein the copy data characteristics includes at least one member of a group comprising: wherein the logic for pasting the reference information comprises logic for pasting the data reference information if the data comprises the characteristic of at least one of a predetermined size, amount, and or type of data that is based on a user setting or a predetermined configuration.

35.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: wherein the logic for pasting the additional reference information comprises logic for pasting at least one of the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, or the location of the data in a document.

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36.   (Cancelled)

37.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~36~~ 29, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: ~~wherein the logic for copying the additional reference information comprises logic for copying at least one of~~ the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who copied the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, ~~or~~ and the location of the data in a document.

38.   (Cancelled)

39.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one descriptive label that identifies the pasted reference information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading related to the pasted reference information. ~~further comprising logic for appending one or more descriptive labels to the additional reference information related to the data when the additional reference information is pasted to the computer application.~~

40.   (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein the at least one descriptive label relates to at least one member of a group comprising: ~~wherein the logic for appending comprises logic for appending a descriptive label related to at least one of~~ the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and ~~or~~ the last time that the data was edited.

41. .   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

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42.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.

43.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the copy data characteristics include at least one member of a group comprising: a predetermined data size, a predetermined data amount, and a predetermined type of data.

44.   (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

45.   (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.

46.   (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the copy data characteristics include at least one member of a group comprising: a predetermined data size, a predetermined data amount, and a predetermined type of data.

47.   (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

48.   (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.